REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	15 June 1999
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Triple X 26
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Milcap Publishing Group. A B
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Magazine
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Languages:	English, German, Swedish, French, Spanish, Italian

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display Conditions:

Either

That when the publication is on public display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication or any package in which the publication is kept
and
That the publication must be publicly displayed only in a sealed package
and
That where the publication is publicly displayed in a package, the package must be made of opaque material.

Or

That when the publication is on public display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication or any package in which the publication is kept
and
That the publication must be publicly displayed only in a sealed package
and
That the publication must be displayed only in premises, or a part of premises, set aside for the public display of restricted publications (whether or not articles other than restricted publications are also displayed in those premises or that part of those premises).

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The magazine entitled *Triple X 26* is classified as:
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The classification is due to the publication's treatment of matters of sex. The full colour pictorial magazine of 124 pages explicitly depicts and describes adult male and female sexual activity. The magazine mainly consists of photographs in pictorial essays, with brief accompanying text in six European languages. English is the main language, being used in titles, advertisements, and production information. Four photo-stories revolve around individual women who narrate their perspective for the reader. One story discusses the making of an explicit sex video recording. A three page foldout

advertises the next edition of the title. Other content includes advertisements for telephone sexual services, sexual merchandise, and explicit sex magazines and videos.

The images and text consistently present the participants as relaxed and the activities as consensual, whether the images are incorporated in advertising or are the major feature in the photo-stories. Activities depicted include masturbation, fellatio, vaginal and anal intercourse (sometimes simultaneously), and male ejaculation. In three stories the female subject engages in sexual activity with three or more men, and in one story she engages with two men.

The magazine presents females in particular in a moderately degrading and dehumanising manner, and includes depictions of moderately degrading and dehumanising sexual conduct. The formularised and repetitive presentation of male ejaculation on females' faces is especially prominent in this respect, however its impact is moderated by the consensual manner of the sex. While there is an emergent theme of females being constantly available for sexual contacts, it is moderated by the way in which the women present as having a significant degree of control. Degrading and dehumanising close-ups, while individually having significant visual impact, are a sufficiently minor proportion of the publication as to be mitigated by the predominance of full-scene and full-body shots. The combined effects and relationships of these considerations are sufficiently moderate as to render likely injury to an adult readership to be minor.

Consideration has been given to the relevant provisions of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 as they relate to this publication. Given the sustained, explicit sexual content and the purpose for which it is intended to be used, the restriction on the availability of the publication is considered to be reasonable and demonstrably justifiable.

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